

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1 (Original). A sporocidal composition comprising a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent.

Claim 2 (Original). The composition of claim 1, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 3 (Original). The composition of claim 1, which further comprises a surfactant.

Claim 4 (Original). An enzymatic method of killing or inactivating spores, comprising contacting the spores with a sporocidal composition comprising a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent, wherein the sporocidal composition is present in an amount effective for killing or inactivating spores.

Claim 5 (Original). The method of claim 4, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 6 (Original). The method of claim 4, which further comprises contacting the spores with a surfactant.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the spores are located on a surface.

Claim 8 (Original). The method of claim 7, wherein the surface is a textile surface.

Claim 9 (Original). The method of claim 7, wherein the surface is a surface of laboratory or process equipment.

Claim 10 (Currently amended). A method of decontaminating a location, which has been exposed to spores, comprising contacting the spores with sporocidal composition comprising a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent.

Claim 11 (Original). The method of claim 10, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 12 (Original). The method of claim 10, which further comprises contacting the spores with a surfactant.

Claim 13 (Previously presented). A container comprising the composition of claim 1, wherein the components of the composition are packaged in one or more compartments or layers.

Claim 14 (Previously presented). A ready-to-use sporocidal formulation comprising the composition of claim 1.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (New) A sporocidal composition comprising a mixture comprising laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent, wherein the mixture is present in an amount effective for killing or inactivating spores.

Claim 17 (New). The composition of claim 16, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 18 (New). The composition of claim 16, which further comprises a surfactant.